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SERIAL: IIR 6 901 0733 92.

COUNTRY: RUSSIA (RS); VIETNAM (VN).

SUBJECT: IIR 6 901 0733 92/LIMITED INFO ON POW'S IN VIETNAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 661000.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-11-90.

SOURCE: MEMBERS, USDAO MOSCOW.

SUMMARY: Source HAS VERY LIMITED INFORMATION ON AMERICAN POW'S IN VIETNAM

TEXT:

1. COL Source SERVED IN VIETNAM IN 1966 AS A AAA CAPTAIN. HE WAS ALREADY AN ACADEMY GRADUATE. HIS

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+JICPAC HONOLULU HI
+BRFINK MHE BOEFINK GM
+USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA//J2//
+AMC INTEL CEN SCOTT AFB IL//IN//
+FOSIF ROTA SP
+MARCORINTCEN QUANTICO VA
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UNIT FROM THE 266TH REGIMENT IN BRYANSK LEFT AS A GROUP AND FLEW TO HANOI ON 1 OR 2 MARCH 1966. THE UNIT WAS MADE UP OF FOUR 'DIVISIONS' OF 30 PERSONS EACH. THEY TRAVELED ABOARD TWO IL-18 AIRCRAFT. ONE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT CAME IN LATER WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WHEN COMBAT BEGAN. NO ONE TOLD THEM THEY WERE GOING TO VIETNAM. THEY WERE TOLD THEY WERE GOING TO A TRAINING CENTER. THEY DID, HOWEVER, SET UP A TRAINING CENTER IN THE CHA CAO AREA OF VIETNAM, WHERE THEY TRAINED VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS TO OPERATE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES (SAMS) OF MEDIUM RANGE. FOR THREE MONTHS THEY JUST TRAINED VIETNAMESE. THEY TAUGHT THEORY, ETC., AND THEN TOOK THE ENTIRE COMPLEX TO HANOI AIRFIELD. THEY WERE TOLD TO LET THE VIETNAMESE DO EVERYTHING, BUT NOT LONG AFTER THEY ARRIVED IN THEIR NEW LOCATION THE AMERICANS BOMBED THE VIETNAMESE OIL FIELDS. THEIR SUPERIORS 'KICKED OUR BUTTS', AND THE SOVIETS TOOK OPERATION OF THE SAMS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

2. THEY QUICKLY LEARNED THE PATTERNS OF THE USAF, AND VICE VERSA. THEY LAUNCHED THEIR SAMS, BUT THE RANGE PROVED TO BE SHORTER THAN ADVERTISED. SUCCESS WAS SPOTTY. SAM RANGE WAS EVEN LESS WHEN THE AMERICANS FLEW LOW. SAMS HAD TO FIRE AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MINUTE TO AVOID DETECTION. THE RUSSIANS KEPT STATISTICS ON THEIR SUCCESS RATE, THE VIETNAMESE KEPT THEIR OWN STATISTICS, AND MOSCOW KEPT ITS OWN STATISTICS. Source RECORD WAS FIVE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BETWEEN 3 JUNE AND THE END OF OCTOBER 1966. HE SHOT AT AIRCRAFT INCLUDING F-101, F-105 AND SR-71. THE ONLY TYPE HE WAS SURE HE HIT WAS AN F-101. WHEN AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN THEY COULD NEVER FIND ANY TRACE OF THE AIRCRAFT REMAINS. THE VIETNAMESE WOULD GO ON BICYCLES LOOKING FOR THEM. THE VIETNAMESE WOULD NEVER TELL THE RUSSIANS WHO WAS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. THE ONLY EXAMPLE HE COULD RECALL WAS A VIETNAMESE OFFICER TELLING HIM THAT ONE PILOT WAS BEING TAKEN TO A PRISON CAMP. THE PILOT HAD A POISON AMPULE IN HIS LAPEL AND TOOK IT. HE DIED. IN 1966 SOURCE HEARD THAT THREE AMERICANS WERE IN THE RUSSIAN-BUILT HOSPITAL IN HANOI WHERE HE WENT FOR TREATMENT. HE LEFT HANOI IN NOVEMBER 1966.

COMMENTS: Source WAS WILLING TO HELP, BUT REALLY DID NOT KNOW MUCH OF INTEREST.

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JICPAC HONOLULU HI//OTC/CBU//
CIA WASHDC//DDO/PCS/LCG/MIL/EA/ICOG POW//
CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI USDAO KUALA LUMPUR//SB//
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THIS IS A STONY BEACH MESSAGE

SERIAL: IIR 6 024 0302 92.

COUNTRY: VIETNAM (VN).

SUBJECT: IIR 6 024 0302 92/HEARSAY INFORMATION ON ALLEGED AMERICANS LIVING IN VIETNAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 920312.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-03-90.

SOURCE: Source data A U.S. CITIZEN WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN VIETNAM. SOURCE RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.
SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT PROVIDES A LIMITED DESCRIPTION OF HEARSAY INFORMATION ON ALLEGED AMERICANS LIVING IN VIETNAM.

TEXT: 1. ON FRIDAY, 20 MAR 92, SOURCE VISITED THE JTF-FA DET TWO OFFICE IN HANOI AND REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW. SOURCE TOLD RO THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION ON AMERICANS LIVING IN VIETNAM BY AN EMPLOYEE OF A HIGH RANKING MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). THE SUBSOURCE WHO HANDED HIM THE INFORMATION WAS NAMED Subsource name and data IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV)

Source data ON THURSDAY, 12 MAR 92.

2. SOURCE GAVE RO TWO PICTURES OF AN ALLEGED

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U.S. SERVICEMAN LIVING IN VIETNAM AND A LETTER PURPORTING TO REVEAL THE NAMES AND LOCATION OF SEVERAL U.S. SERVICEMEN BEING HELD IN VIETNAM. SUBSOURCE HAD REQUESTED THAT SOURCE PASS THE INFORMATION TO ANY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HE MIGHT ENCOUNTER WHO DEALT WITH PW/MIA MATTERS. SUBSOURCE DID NOT ASK FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN.

3. THE TWO-PAGE LETTER IS HANDWRITTEN IN VIETNAMESE AND CONTAINS A HAND-DRAWN NOT-TO-SCALE MAP OF THE AREA OF NGHIA BINH PROVINCE NEAR WHERE NATIONAL ROUTE (QL) 19 INTERSECTS WITH QL 1. IT ALSO CONTAINS SIX NAMES OF ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS, ONE ON THE FRONT PAGE AND FIVE ON THE BACK PAGE. SOME WORDS IN THE LETTER ARE INDECIPHERABLE. TEXT OF THE LETTER GIVEN RO BY SOURCE FOLLOWS -

((FRONT PAGE))
"1% WALTER T. ROBINSON

PRESENTLY AT VINH THANH VILLAGE, AN TUC DISTRICT BELONGING TO THE NUI NHOC CAMP (NGHIA BINH) ((PROVINCE)) THERE ARE 28 HK ((HOA-KY - AMERICANS)), 13 DEAD, 25 STILL ALIVE. -NUI NHOC ((CAMP)) IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A VALLEY INHABITED BY MORE THAN 40 FAMILIES OF BANA-MONTAGNARDS ((ETHNIC MINORITY TRIBES PEOPLE)). -COL A (DANG) ((A DANG)), A MONTAGNARD, IS THE LEADER OF THE BANA MONTAGNARDS. CPT A (BINH) ((A BINH)), UNCLE OF HUYNH NGOC (ANH) ((HUYNH NGOC ANH)) AKA A (TE) ((A TEX)), A MONTAGNARD, PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION. -THIS PERSON WILL ((FOUR WORDS OF TEXT SCRATCHED OUT BT

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WITH A PEN)), WILL DISCUSS UPON MEETING. -((INDECIPHERABLE)). -ADDITIONALLY, AT K18 (KIM SON VILLAGE), IN NGHIA BINH ((PROVINCE)) THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 AMERICANS. -CURRENTLY THE NUI NHOC CAMP IS MOVING 25 AMERICANS BACK TO K18. -WHEN THEY MOVED BACK TO K18, MR. A DANG LEFT 3 AMERICANS AT NUI NHOC. -THESE THREE PEOPLE CAN GO OUT LIKE RESIDENTS, ARE NO LONGER AT THE NUI NHOC CAMP. -ARE BEING HELD BY A BINH AND A DANG."

((HAND-DRAWN MAP))

((BACK PAGE))

"2%WALTMAN. RICHARD G
data
3% CARTER. RONALD W.
data
4%WELTON. FLYOD L.
data
5%BUNKER - data
HOLSTEN - JACK ((ONE WORD SCRATCHED OUT BY-PEN)) LT
RA 6806-7403
6%EARLE - SMITH MAJOR AIR FORCE data
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4. THE TWO BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TWO POSES OF A THIN, ELDERLY MAN TAKEN IN A RURAL

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SETTING. THE MAN APPEARS TO HAVE WHITE HAIR AND APPEARS TO BE AN ASIAN, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HIS NATIONALITY OR RACIAL TYPE BY OBSERVATION FROM THE PHOTOS. BOTH PHOTOS HAVE ONLY THE NAME EARLE SMITH HANDWRITTEN ON THE BACK. ONE PHOTO DEPICTS THE MAN STANDING OUTSIDE A THATCHED HUT. HE IS CLAD ONLY IN SHORTS, NO SHOES, SANDALS, OR SHIRT. HE IS SMILING, AND HIS SOME OF HIS FRONT TEETH ARE EITHER MISSING OR STAINED BY CHEWING BETEL NUT. A MARKER IN THE BACKGROUND COULD BE THE HEADSTONE OF A GRAVE. THE OTHER PHOTO DEPICTS THE MAN SITTING CROSS-LEGGED INSIDE A THATCHED HUT CONTAINING A LARGE WATER JAR. HE IS POSING AS IF PREPARING TO DRINK SOME LIQUID FROM A SMALL CUP. IN FRONT OF HIM ON THE GROUND ARE ONE LARGE BOWL AND FOUR SMALL BOWLS, TWO PAIRS OF CHOPSTICKS, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PLASTIC WATER CANTEEN. HE IS LOOKING AT THE CAMERA AND IS IN TURN BEING OBSERVED BY A MILDLY INTERESTED CHICKEN, WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO GET SOME SCRAPS OF FOOD. NEITHER PHOTO CONTAINS ANYTHING THAT WOULD INDICATE THE EXACT LOCATION THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN.

5. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AFTER MEETING WITH SOURCE, RO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SOURCE INDICATING THAT SOURCE HAD BEEN MISLED BY SUBSOURCE ON OTHER ISSUES NOT RELATED TO THE PW/MIA ISSUE, AND THAT LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN MISLED BY SUBSOURCE ON THE PW/MIA-RELATED INFORMATION. SOURCE SUGGESTED IN HIS LETTER THAT RO NOT PLACE TOO MUCH CREDENCE IN THE INFORMATION SOURCE HAD GIVEN HIM.

COMMENTS: 1. NONE OF THE NAMES MENTIONED IN THE LETTER MATCH ANY ENTRIES IN THE ROSTER OF U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. THE AREA MENTIONED IN THE LETTER AS VINH THANH VILLAGE COULD BE THE AREA VIC //UTMCOORDS: 49P630580// MAP SERIES L7014, 1:50,000; SHEET 6732II, TIEN THUAN; USATOPCOM JUN 71, ANNOTATED AS BELONGING TO BINH KHE DISTRICT OF NGHIA BINH PROVINCE. THE AREA PURPORTED TO BE THE LOCATION OF THE K18 CAMP AT KIM SON VILLAGE COULD BE THE AREA VIC //UTMCOORDS: 49PBR730800// MAP SERIES L7014, 1:50,000; SHEET 6737I, HOAI AN; DMAHTC MAR 85. NO AVAILABLE MAPS OR GAZETTEERS MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO A NUI NHOC MOUNTAIN, AND THE DISTANCE OF NINETY KILOMETERS NOTED ON THE MAP AS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN KIM SON AND QL 19 APPEARS EXCESSIVE. HOWEVER, IF WE ASSUME THE LOCATION

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OF THE NUI NHOC CAMP TO BE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY KILOMETERS WEST OF KIM SON VILLAGE AS NOTED ON THE HAND-DRAWN MAP, A POSSIBLE LOCATION IN A VALLEY NEAR A MOUNTAIN COULD BE THE AREA VIC //UTMCOORDS: 49PBR390790// MAP SERIES L7014, 1:50,000; SHEET 6737 IV, KON GIONG, AMS 1966. THIS AREA WOULD BE LOCATED IN AN TUC DISTRICT AS STATED IN THE LETTER.

3. THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO THIS OFFICE SEVERAL TIMES BY VARIOUS SOURCES IN THE PAST.

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SERIAL: IIR 6 901 0731 92.

COUNTRY: RUSSIA (RS): VIETNAM (VN).

SUBJ: IIR 6 901 0731 92/U.S. POW IN VIETNAM 690216

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 690800.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-11-90.

SOURCE: MEMBERS, USDAO MOSCOW.

SUMMARY: AT ONE POINT DURING THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AMERICAN POWS WERE TAKEN TO THE MAIN ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT PROVIDING POWER TO HANOI TO ACT AS HUMAN SHIELDS. HE SAW ONE POW AT HOSPITAL IN HANOI ON 690216.

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+BRFINK MHE BOEFINK GM
+USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA//J2//
+AMC INTEL CEN SCOTT AFB IL//IN//
+USCINCSOC INTEL OPS CEN MACDILL AFB FL
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TEXT:

1. GENERAL LIEUTENANT *Source* WAS A COLONEL IN VIETNAM FROM 680900 TO 690800, AS HEAD OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS FOR A AAA REGIMENT. IN NOVEMBER THE U.S. HAD STOPPED MASSIVE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM, BUT INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS, ESPECIALLY USING DRONES, CONTINUED. THEREFORE, AAA DEFENSES CONTINUED ON ALERT. CLOSER TO THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE THEIR MAY HAVE BEEN MORE ACTIVITY. THE ONLY AIRCRAFT HE SHOT DOWN WERE DRONES: RYAN 475.

2. HE WAS TOLD BY THE VIETNAMESE THAT THERE WERE AMERICAN PILOTS WHO HAD EJECTED AND PARACHUTED SAFELY TO EARTH IN NORTH VIETNAM, BUT THEY USUALLY SURRENDERED WITHOUT RESISTANCE. HOWEVER, *Source* COMMANDER TOLD HIM THAT BLACK PILOTS WOULD ALWAYS RESIST CAPTURE OR COMMIT SUICIDE.

3. THERE WERE SPECIAL CAMPS FOR AMERICAN POWS. HE HEARD THAT THERE WERE ELEVEN CAMPS. AT ONE POINT, SOME OF THE POWS WERE MOVED TO THE MAIN POWER STATION WHICH PROVIDED ELECTRICAL POWER TO HANOI TO ACT AS HUMAN SHIELDS. THIS WAS DONE OPENLY. HE KNEW THAT AMERICAN PILOTS DID NOT BOMB DAMS, AND THAT THEY AVOIDED BOMBING THE HOTEL IN HANOI WHERE THE RUSSIANS STAYED.

4. ON 690216, DURING A TEN DAY STAY IN A HOSPITAL IN HANOI, HE SAW A PERSON HE BELIEVED TO BE AN AMERICAN POW. A GAZ-69 VEHICLE PULLED UP TO THE HOSPITAL AND TWO PEOPLE GOT OUT. ONE WAS A VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSON, UNARMED. THE SECOND PERSON WAS WEARING A VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSON, INCLUDING KHAKI JACKET, PANTS AND SNEAKERS, BUT NO HAT. HE HAD A VERY SHORT HAIRCUT, OR HIS HEAD MAY HAVE BEEN SHAVED. *Source* SAW HIM FROM A DISTANCE OF 10 TO 20 STEPS. HE WAS MEDIUM HEIGHT, DARK HAIR, PALE AND SKINNY. HE HAD NEVER SEEN ANYONE WEAR EXACTLY THE TYPE OF CLOTHING THIS PERSON WORE. HE HAD NO OBVIOUS INJURIES, BUT COULD HAVE HAD INTERNAL PROBLEMS, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE AREA OF THE HOSPITAL HE WAS GOING TO. A FEMALE LAOTIAN DOCTOR, WHO SPOKE FLUENT RUSSIAN SINCE SHE HAD BEEN TRAINED IN MOSCOW, HAVING FINISHED A SIX YEAR COURSE 2 TO 3 YEARS EARLIER, TURNED TO *Source* AND SAID 'THAT'S AN AMERICAN PILOT.' IN MY VIEW, HE WAS JUST A PILOT WHO HAPPENED TO GET CAUGHT. HE WAS SKINNY, BUT SO WERE WE ALL, SINCE THE FOOD IN VIETNAM WAS SO LOUSY.

COMMENTS: *Source* WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND SAID HE WILL SPEAK WITH OTHER VIETNAM VETERANS AND ASK THEM TO BT

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TALK WITH POW/MIA TEAM.

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